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Week 9: Rescue Life
Mission Show #1

James: Without trying to be sensational, sometimes you just wish you could really stop people in their tracks for just a moment and really get their attention.

Let me say this to you. What if you knew you could walk in these children's centers where they're fighting for their lives with diseases. Betty and I support St. Jude's. We want to do anything we can to help these precious little children. I love every one of them. There's not a one of you watching who wouldn't say, "I want to take those little kids home and I want them to play and I want them to be well." I know you feel that way.

Well, I'm going to tell you something and I really want you to stay put. I want to show you how you can be the miracle that everybody hoped for, that they never thought was possible.

I'm James Robison; my wife Betty joins me. We have a guest, one of our best friends that is going to share with you how you can absolutely be the miracle that people hope for, that they think is so beyond reason that it will never happen. And if you have ever loved anybody or cared about anybody or if you ever thought about yourself and said, "I wish I could get this off of me," whether it was a disease or a pain or a debt, or the heartache of a family situation and you say, "I'd just like to make it better." What if you knew that you could make it better for somebody?

I want to show you how you can make it better for what seems to be impossible. Kirie James is with me and Betty right now on *LIFE Today*. Kirie, we welcome you as one of our best friends. How many years ago did I perform the wedding for you and your husband Jimmy?

Kirie: Thirty-six years ago.

James: Wow! Now how many children and grandchildren?

Kirie: We have four children and seven grandchildren; and the oldest is four.

James: I tell you what, here's the deal. How many of those happen to be girls?

Kirie: Six! Six of those are little girls.

James: It's beautiful! Now you've just gone to the ends of the earth, what I would say, kind of to the pits of hell where angels fear to tread but where angels and messengers of love are needed. You went where girls and children are being trafficked and become sexual slaves, oftentimes sold into the situation by their parents.

Why did you agree to go into such a painful situation, in such extreme circumstances so far from home? Why did you go in the first place?

Kirie: James, we live in such an affluent society. America is such a blessed country in so many ways. And every day I see on the news reports where people are hurting and broken. And every day I wonder could I make a difference? What can I do? And I know the work that y'all do here.

And the opportunity came where I could go with your crew. I just wanted to know what I could do to make a difference. I wanted to see for myself what a difference my life could make. And these girls are in a hopeless situation.

James: Well, if they find the full affect of love, which is what we bring to you, you are the potential expression of the hope that could never even be imagined and the miracle no one thought possible.

We're going to show you seated in one of those places of terrible squalor where these girls are held, and our viewers are going to see, you're going to begin to share your heart in the midst of the pain. I want you to look in and yes, you'll see something that will stun you, but I want you to listen to what Kirie refuses to be distracted from in her mission. Watch this closely.

On the mission field

Kirie: This is my first experience at ever hearing real life stories from innocent children who have been sold into the sex traffic industry. But it seems that each day the stories that we hear are harder and harder. Their situations are unthinkable.

Walking through this for the first time I became so angry that someone's child has ever been forced to feel like this is all they're worthy of.

This is nothing but a trash heap. It is actually human waste all the way down. It is a public restroom and it is a *rat*-infested place. It is nasty. And yet, children live here.

I heard a newborn baby crying behind one of the doors earlier. No baby should live here. No child should live here. No human should live here. But these girls, these women, they don't have a way to get out of this. This is their home.

And what I'm understanding as I open my heart and go past judgment is that this is not something that they chose. They were forced into it. They were taken as young children. They have no education, they have no family to fall back on. They have no one to support them.

This is really hard. It's very hard. The hardest part is not in seeing it it's in leaving it knowing we didn't do anything. To see these people live that way and to come offering them hope and to not give it, it's wrong.

We want to do something to make their lives better. We want to show them a way to get out of this. We want to extend hope to them but we cannot do it alone. We need your help.

End of clip

In the studio

James: Oh, boy! Listen. You are the hope. Let me say it to you this way. Christ in us, the hope for glory -- the glorious manifestation of God's love.

And Kirie, I can hear it in your voice. We could see the circumstances. I don't know how you had a rat that was as big as a cat come right down beside you and you continued on. How do you explain that? How could you have something that is as frightening to any person, especially a woman sitting in a place, how is it that you maintained focus?

Kirie: James, we had been there for almost a week, I think. I realized here I would have been running, screaming and running but we were in such a desperate state. I was so angry. When that rat finally came down it was like that was the last straw to me. Those girls that were living behind those locked doors -- I don't know if you realize, those locks are on the outside of the door. They're not on the inside. They're not keeping people out. They're keeping those girls in.

The rat was nothing. The rat was just a visible indicator of the filth. God allowed us to be in that moment at that time to hopefully capture the situation that these girls are in. They are not there by choice but yet we can do something to change it. But it takes work.

Betty: When you said you could hear a baby crying in the distance, I thought, that baby will probably grow up in that same trap and in that same circumstance, especially if it is a little girl and be used the same way her mother is.

And then also, when I saw you hugging, especially the one little girl, I thought, that's probably the first hug she's had in a long time since she left her mother that she felt safe. She felt like there was love, genuine love and concern coming from someone. And for a moment, she might have felt safe.

Kirie: We interviewed so many girls but one, I specifically remember that when I hugged her she didn't want to let go. She just cried and cried. She said she didn't have a mother that loved her. You wish you could just hold every one of them.

James: Absolutely! That's the thing that -- we can hold so many of them. The children that are sold into that situation, you couldn't imagine how could a family member sell a child into that situation? They don't see any other way out, many of them. That's why the freedom we enjoy here in the United States and in other countries that are at least enjoying a measure of freedom, if it was for freedom Christ made us free just how important must freedom be for Christ to provide that and to give his life to provide it personally, and all around us we can live under a canopy of freedom and hope? But this is desperation.

Here's the thing that you saw and I actually saw in you. You saw compassion and that compassion desired help for those who are trapped. And then you realize that if a missionary is willing to risk their life, they're willing to go and either, with our help build quarters, a place, a home, or rent those quarters and we can move them into an atmosphere of love, and especially getting the children, even the children out of those circumstances, born to those who are trapped, and many times be able because I know you didn't hug one of those girls that was trapped that you didn't start praying, God, let's get her out of here.

And you know the only way it can happen is a miracle of love. So you were able to sit because of love and concern through all the distractions, which were just frightening, make you so uncomfortable, and yet you stayed to appeal for the freedom and the hope that love can offer. Is that not exactly why you were able to hang in there?

Kirie: Absolutely! There is no point in going if we don't have the hope that we can make a difference and that love won't change their circumstance.

James: But you've given faithfully. I will see a gift come across that I know, boy, they had to put some thought and prayer in that. And I know why you're giving it because you know what love does. You've seen it firsthand.

You have watched love build facilities for children that took them from a pit of hell into what appeared to be a glimpse of glory; right? That's the power of love. So would you agree that

people who watch us, like this, when I opened the program I said you can be a part of a miracle. It's like letting all the children that are sick go home well. See there's not a cure for some diseases that we know of but there's a cure when you take somebody into that atmosphere of love and out of that sexual bondage they're in.

So if our viewers get that then they become the answer not only to the appeal for love to be expressed that you made but the heart cry of all those who are trapped by it. Is that not the truth? They are the keys that open the door.

Kirie: That's right! Love changes -- love restores hope. Love gives life. I've watched so many little children through your ministry all over the world firsthand and I've seen what love does.

You're exactly right. If it were not for your viewers that didn't stop immediately and say, "I can make a difference. I can write a check. I can give money. I can make a difference." It is your viewers that love; that give life and hope.

Betty: And if one child is saved, it is worth it. Your caring and your hope rescues one child, that is a life and a precious child that God loves so much that he gave his one child, only begotten son that we might have eternal life. So at least we can offer the help of one child.

Kirie: Every time I look at a little child and I look at my grandchildren and I think, that's one child, my grandchild, that's one child, but that child is everything to me. These little children around the world are hurting -- that's one child -- that someone's one child -- that's one life.

James: Let me just tell you that I struggle with -- I think sometimes I'm a little bit embarrassed because I can't control my emotions. I just know what it is to be a little kid looking out through a screen window and wondering if somebody is coming back to get me because I spent a lot of years before I was five wondering if anybody was coming back. I know what it feels like. I can't shake it. I know what it feels like when somebody comes.

Now listen to me. It takes \$128 to rescue a child, a girl, get them out. That's what it takes. Somebody told me recently, they said, "You know when you ask us for that \$128, we can't do it." I said, "Lord, I try to elevate people's desire to just share." But if I overlooked you, just say, "I could give a little bit." \$32, then three more join you, then we've actually got what we're asking for. Would you pray that? And would you know that that part you give could be like the widow's mite, it is the biggest gift of all. Would you do that please? Please?

Betty, I want to ask you, I just felt impressed while Kirie was talking. I want us to go home, get our checkbook, and you're the one that writes neat enough for the bank to read it; I want to

write two checks for \$1280. I want them to go individually because in each gift there's ten we can rescue -- so ten there, ten there.

I don't know if you can do that. Maybe somebody watching that could say, "I can do a lot more than that, and I'll do it. I'm so glad I'm free and I can help." Do it!

But listen to me. \$128 makes all the difference in the world. And if you give the \$64, let's say, and another joins you, we've got another opportunity to rescue. Think about being able to rescue someone and take care of them for a year. We give them hope and give them life. Would you do that? Could you give \$32 and pray for three to join you?

I don't know what you can do but Betty, I'm praying and I'm believing today that in response to the heart cry of those who are trapped and this precious mom and grandmother and friend, that we might see the greatest response of people going to the phone. Any of you that have a broken heart and you want somebody to hold your broken heart and pray with you, you go to that number that's paid for by love.

But you know what I'd like to see today? I'd like to see more go to the phone today and say, "I'm going to express some love for some people that never thought they'd see it. And I'm going to enable a missionary to do what God sent them there to do -- set people free and provide them with a hope and a future." Would you do that? -- LifeToday.org, go online. Just do it. Say, "God, I'm doing it." And use your bankcard like it is a check.

Or you can dial the number. And I already said I wish we would have the greatest outpouring of love where you'd call and say, "Here's the gift God put on my heart. And I'm giving him prayer that this will literally set captives free." And I want to thank you so much for doing it. Thank you for responding as God directs.

Begin video clip

Announcer: Innocent children created to be happy, loved and cared for are being abducted and sold at the hands of violent predators; their spirit and bodies broken under horrific emotional and physical abuse.

Through Mission: Rescue Life you can reach out to save children vulnerable to sex traffickers. You can help rescue those already enslaved and you can restore their lives with hope for a future.

Your gift today of only \$128 will help rescue a child and change their destiny forever. With gifts of \$64 or \$32 we will combine your support with others to help rescue one more child from the shame and pain of sexual slavery.

With your gift of any amount we'll send you the "Light of the World" scented candle. This beautiful encased in a frosted glass burns with a wonderful scent. Its flame is a reminder of your part in being a light to the world, especially to young women trapped in the darkness of human trafficking. Your gift helps provide them with hope and a way out.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1280 to help rescue ten children and you may request our beautiful new "Majesty" bronze sculpture.

Please call, write, or make your secure gift online today!

End of clip

On the mission field

Announcer: In impoverished areas of Southeast Asia all too often, girls like 15-year-old Srey Neang fall for too good to be true offers of a better life in the city. It's most often presented as an honorable job but is soon discovered as something much darker.

Open captions:

>> A man came to us and told us that there was a good opportunity with good pay to work in another province as a maid in someone's home. When I arrived, the people locked me in a room. It was a brothel. I found out that I had been sold. If I didn't sleep with clients I was beaten and starved. When the man came in, I didn't know what to do. Afterward I would just cry out for my mom.

Announcer: The cries of this child are lost in the noise of the city around her. The brutality she's endured has left her utterly demoralized.

Open captions:

>> I am so desperate. If I cannot escape this life, maybe I will kill myself.

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In the studio

James: Such a pretty little girl. What does your heart say when you see where she is?

Betty: Well, I think the first thing that really grabbed me was when she said, "I cried for my mother."

I remember our children as small, if I ever even heard a whimper I was right by their side, "What do you need? What do you want? What can I do?" And that little girl's probably cried many, many nights for her mother.

And then just to hear her say, "I want to kill myself if I can't get out of this." She feels this there is no way of escape.

But my first heart cry was, honey, there is! There are people that care. There are people that want to reach out and be a part of that way of escape.

James: Kirie, do you believe that viewers of *LIFE Today* can know that when we're able to send the support with the prayers that those workers, those relief and missionary workers who have planted their lives in the midst of pain, do you believe they can be effective in rescuing many and even keeping many children who are headed there going a new direction? Do you believe it will be effective?

Kirie: One hundred percent! There is no question about it. I wish I could speak to each one of your viewers and reassure you that the people that are on the ground love unconditionally. James, they are there because God handpicked them to be there. They have a calling on their life and they are there to rescue those girls.

James: I think you said something very important. All of us have a calling. And if you think your calling is not as significant in God's kingdom purpose as the one that's there, or the highly visible minister or Bible teacher is more important than someone like you who says like the little widow with that mite, gives the biggest gift because she gave it to the purpose of almighty God.

She said, "I'm bringing this as an offering of love." You do not see that as small because God does not. Jesus said it's bigger than all the great gifts that were given. It is the greatest gift because you're doing what you can to express the love of God.

I pray, Father, every person listening to me right now will know how important they are in somebody's life, somebody they may never meet personally but in heaven, there are people that

just say, "Thank you for lifting me out of the pit. Thank you for getting me out the prison; setting me free" -- in Jesus' name.

I pray that you will express the love of God as liberally and as prayerfully and compassionately as you can. LifeToday.org -- just take your bankcard and make the gift God puts on your heart knowing it's giving love, it's giving life, it's enabling missionaries to literally be the hands of Jesus and express the heart of God -- whatever it is. If you want to dial that number, take your bankcard, make the gift, thank you for doing it.

We have some gifts to bless you and say thank you and not a one of you ever give to get something. You're giving to give love and life. From the depth of my heart I thank you for doing it. Kirie, I thank you for sharing. Are you glad you went?

Kirie: So grateful.

James: Let's pray every person watching simply does what God leads them to do. That's our prayer for you. And God bless you as you bless others.

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In the studio

James: Well, Betty and Kirie and I have been sitting here praying while you were seeing the effect and impact that can be made through your prayers and your gift.

By the way, if you ever call and get a busy, be determined, call until you get through. We just have a short time left now for the emphasis on this particular rescue life outreach, and we're really praying for just the expression of love that overwhelms us and the missionaries and really sets captives free.

Again Kirie, we say thanks to you and Jimmy and your whole family. Thank you for the love you have for others. Thank you for helping us do what God's called us to do.

And to all of you from the depth of our heart in behalf of so many you will touch with the love of God, thank you. Thank you very much!